



City of Pensacola

222 West Main Street
Pensacola, FL 32502

Memorandum

File #: 23-00156

City Council

2/23/2023

LEGISLATIVE ACTION ITEM

SPONSOR: City Council Member Charles Bare

SUBJECT:

REFERRAL TO THE ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD (EAB) REGARDING PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO CITY CODE SECTION 12-6-10(C) - TREE PLANTING TRUST FUND

RECOMMENDATION:

That City Council refer to the EAB, proposed amendments to Section 12-6-10(c) of the City Code - Tree Planting Trust Fund, for review and recommendation.

HEARING REQUIRED: No Hearing Required

SUMMARY:

On January 19, 2023, City Council passed an action item (23-00010): Approval to use Tree Planting Trust Funding for the Removal of Trees on City Rights-of-Way or Public Property that have become hazardous to persons and/or property and installation of new plantings.

On February 2, 2023, the Environmental Advisory Board discussed the use of the Tree Planting Trust Funds for tree removal. The result of that discussion was a letter to City Council stating in part, "The Environmental Advisory Board finds the use of Tree Planting Trust Funds for tree removal to be an inappropriate use of the Tree Planting Trust Funds."

The proposed amendments to Section 12-6-10(c) of the City Code - Tree Planting Trust Fund, proposes the following:

1. The tree planting trust fund shall not be utilized for the removal of trees or vegetation
2. Adds defining language, "...the tree planting trust fund is for restoration of the tree canopy in the area "of the city" where trees....
3. Changes language in 12-6-10(c)(2) to state: Each grant is limited to ~~50~~ 75 percent of the cost of the proposed project ~~up to \$5,500~~ with a maximum award of \$7500.

This item seeks referral to the EAB for review and recommendation.

PRIOR ACTION:

January 19, 2023 - City Council authorized the use of Tree Planting Trust Funds for the removal of trees

February 2, 2023 - Environmental Advisory Board discussed and sent a letter of recommendation to City Council regarding the use of Tree Planting Trust Funds for tree removal

FUNDING:

N/A

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

None for the referral

STAFF CONTACT:

Don Kraher, Council Executive

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Proposed Amendment to Section 12-6-10(c) - Tree Planting Trust Fund
- 2) EAB Recommendation Regarding Use of Tree Planting Trust Fund for Tree Removal

PRESENTATION: No